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In re Patent Application of)
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Morio HARA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1773
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Application No.: 08/973,416) Examiner: K. Kruer
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For: RESIN COMPOSITION AND)
LAMINATE FOR STORAGE OF)
LIQUID FOODS)

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated July 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel claim 23 without prejudice or disclaimer and replace claims 1, 3, 20, 21, 24 and 29 as follows:

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1. (Four Times Amended) A resin composition to be used in a multi-layer laminate for storing liquid foods, comprising a hydrophilic reducing organic compound and a hydrophilic and water insoluble thermoplastic resin, wherein the hydrophilic reducing organic compound is included in the hydrophilic and water insoluble thermoplastic resin and the hydrophilic and water insoluble resin provides an oxygen gas barrier for the hydrophilic reducing organic compound and wherein the hydrophilic reducing organic